

In the Claims:

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Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A disposable absorbent article comprising: a main absorbent article body part, in turn comprising a liquid permeable surface side sheet, a liquid impermeable back face side sheet, positioned at the back face side of the liquid permeable surface side sheet, an absorbent body, positioned between the liquid permeable surface side sheet and the liquid impermeable back face side sheet, and liquid impermeable flap parts, the flap parts being disposed at least at the peripheral edge parts of said liquid impermeable back face side sheet and extending outward beyond the respective sides in the width direction of said absorbent body; and an outer layer sheet, positioned at the back face side of the liquid impermeable back face side sheet of the main absorbent article body part; and wherein a dorsal waist part, a crotch part, having leg parts at both sides, and a ventral waist part are formed successively and integrally in the longitudinal direction, a dorsal waist part elastic body and a ventral waist part elastic body of said outer layer sheet, which stretch in the width direction of the outer layer sheet, are disposed respectively at the dorsal waist part and the ventral waist part of said outer layer sheet, leg part elastic bodies are disposed respectively at said leg parts at the respective sides of said outer layer sheet, central elastic bodies are affixed to the outer layer sheet at the crotch part positioned along the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body substantially centered in the width direction of the absorbent body;

said leg part elastic bodies are formed as first leg part elastic bodies and second leg part elastic bodies,

said first leg part elastic bodies have one end side set along a leg part from a part of said dorsal waist part at one side, have an intermediate part crossing said crotch part obliquely towards a part of said ventral waist part at the other side, and have the other end side set along the leg part at the part of said ventral waist part at the other side,

said second leg part elastic bodies have one end side set along a leg part from a part of said dorsal waist part at the other side, have an intermediate part intersecting said first leg part elastic bodies and crossing said crotch part obliquely towards a part of said ventral waist part at the one side, and have the other end side set along the leg part at the part of said ventral waist part side at the one side, and

third leg part elastic bodies are disposed between the liquid impermeable flap parts and the liquid impermeable back face side sheet at both sides of said main absorbent article body part, wherein the first, second and third leg part elastic plastic bodies intersect with each other five times, wherein the third leg part elastic bodies extend in a longitudinal direction beyond the points of intersection with the first leg part elastic bodies and the second leg part elastic bodies at the respective sides of the main absorbent article body part, the third leg part elastic bodies extend in a longitudinal direction substantially the length of the main absorbent article body part; one end of the third leg part elastic bodies in the longitudinal direction is at least disposed in the vicinity of the dorsal waist part elastic body, the opposite end of the third leg part elastic bodies in the longitudinal direction is at least disposed in the vicinity of the ventral waist part elastic body; and one lateral side of the absorbent body substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction is at least disposed in the vicinity of the dorsal waist part elastic body, while the opposite lateral side of the absorbent body is at least disposed in the vicinity of the ventral waist part elastic body.

2. (Currently Amended) A disposable absorbent article comprising: a main absorbent article body part having a longitudinal axis and a lateral axis perpendicular thereto, the main absorbent article body part in turn comprising a liquid permeable surface side sheet, a liquid impermeable back face side sheet, positioned at the back face side of the liquid permeable surface side sheet, an absorbent body, positioned between the liquid permeable surface side sheet and the liquid impermeable back face side sheet, and liquid impermeable flap parts, the flap parts being disposed at least at the peripheral edge parts of said liquid impermeable back face side sheet and extending outward beyond the respective sides in the width direction of said absorbent body; and an outer layer sheet, positioned at the back face side of the liquid impermeable back face side sheet of the main absorbent article body part; and wherein a dorsal waist part, a crotch part,

having leg parts at both sides, and a ventral waist part are formed successively and integrally in the longitudinal direction, a dorsal waist part elastic body and a ventral waist part elastic body, which stretch in the width direction of the outer layer sheet, are disposed respectively at the dorsal waist part and the ventral waist part of said outer layer sheet, leg part elastic bodies are disposed respectively at said leg parts at the respective sides of said outer layer sheet, central elastic bodies are affixed to the outer layer sheet at the crotch part positioned along the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body substantially centered in the width direction of the absorbent body;

said leg part elastic bodies are formed as first leg part elastic bodies and second leg part elastic bodies,

said first leg part elastic bodies have one end side set along a leg part from a part of said dorsal waist part at one side, have an intermediate part extending across said crotch part along the width direction, and have the other end side set along the leg part at a part of the ventral waist part at the other side,

said second leg part elastic bodies have one end side set along a leg part from a part of said dorsal waist part at the other side, have an intermediate part substantially mirroring the intermediate part of said first leg part elastic bodies relative to the longitudinal axis and crossing said crotch part in a direction substantially parallel to the lateral axis, and have the other end side set along the leg part at a part of said ventral waist part side at the one side, and

third leg part elastic bodies are disposed between the liquid impermeable flap parts and the liquid impermeable back face side sheet at both sides of said main absorbent article body part, wherein the third leg part elastic bodies extend in a longitudinal direction beyond the points of intersection with the first leg part elastic bodies and the second leg part elastic bodies at the respective sides of the main absorbent article body part, the third leg part elastic bodies extend in a longitudinal direction substantially the length of the main absorbent article body part; one end of the third leg part elastic bodies in the longitudinal direction is at least disposed in the vicinity of the dorsal waist part elastic body, the opposite end of the third leg part elastic bodies in the longitudinal direction is at least disposed in the vicinity of the ventral waist part elastic body; and one lateral side of the absorbent body substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction is at least disposed in the vicinity of the dorsal waist part elastic body, while the

opposite lateral side of the absorbent body is at least disposed in the vicinity of the ventral waist part elastic body.

3. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein the main absorbent article body part is affixed to the outer layer sheet at the back face side,

the crotch part of the outer layer sheet is notched so as to be substantially concave towards the inner sides in the width direction, and

the third leg part elastic bodies, which are positioned at the flap parts of said main absorbent body part, have at least a portion thereof disposed along the central lateral axis X-X outward beyond the leg parts at the respective sides of the outer layer sheet.

4. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein the third leg part elastic bodies are positioned at least respectively between the vicinities of the positions at which the first leg part elastic bodies and the outer side parts of the flap parts at the respective sides of the main absorbent article body part intersect and the vicinities of the positions at which the second leg part elastic bodies and the outer side parts of the flap parts at the respective sides of the main absorbent article body part intersect.

5. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein a pair of three-dimensional gathers, which are erected in the direction of the body of a wearer when the absorbent article body is fitted onto the body of the wearer, are formed in mutually opposing manner at outer side parts at the respective sides that are positioned outwards in the width direction beyond the vicinities of the third leg part elastic bodies of the main absorbent article body part.

6. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein each of the first leg part elastic bodies and second leg part elastic bodies is arranged to be lower in tensile strength at the intermediate part, positioned in the direction of crossing said

crotch part, than at the one end side and the other end side that are positioned along the leg parts at the respective sides.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 2, wherein the main absorbent article body part is affixed to the outer layer sheet at the back face side,

the crotch part of the outer layer sheet is notched so as to be substantially concave towards the inner sides in the width direction, and

the third leg part elastic bodies, which are positioned at the flap parts of said main absorbent body part, have at least a portion thereof disposed along the central lateral axis X-X outward beyond the leg parts at the respective sides of the outer layer sheet.

9. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 2, wherein

the third leg part elastic bodies are positioned at least respectively between the vicinities of the positions at which the first leg part elastic bodies and the outer side parts of the flap parts at the respective sides of the main absorbent article body part intersect and the vicinities of the positions at which the second leg part elastic bodies and the outer side parts of the flap parts at the respective sides of the main absorbent article body part intersect.

10. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 2, wherein a pair of three-dimensional gathers, which are erected in the direction of the body of a wearer when the absorbent article body is fitted onto the body of the wearer, are formed in mutually opposing manner at outer side parts at the respective sides that are positioned outwards in the width direction beyond the vicinities of the third leg part elastic bodies of the main absorbent article body part.

11. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 2, wherein

each of the first leg part elastic bodies and second leg part elastic bodies is arranged to be lower in tensile strength at the intermediate part, positioned in the direction of crossing said crotch part, than at the one end side and the other end side that are positioned along the leg parts at the respective sides.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 1, wherein the flap part is an impervious sheet.

14. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 2, wherein the flap part is an impervious sheet.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (New) The disposable article according to Claim 1, wherein the outer layer sheet is formed by overlapping a liquid impermeable inner sheet piece and a liquid impermeable outer sheet piece; and the central elastic bodies, the first leg part elastic bodies and the second leg part elastic bodies are disposed between the inner sheet piece and the outer sheet piece.

18. (New) The disposable article according to Claim 2, wherein the outer layer sheet is formed by overlapping a liquid impermeable inner sheet piece and a liquid impermeable outer sheet piece; and the central elastic bodies, the first leg part elastic bodies and the second leg part elastic bodies are disposed between the inner sheet piece and the outer sheet piece.